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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 156  
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James "Buddy" Baker of  
Obion County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of  
this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of James Baker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was  
very dedicated to his community and his family; and

WHEREAS, always willing to lend a helping hand, Buddy Baker took a day off from his  
job to help city workers survey the severe flood damage that recently ravaged his hometown of  
Obion; and

WHEREAS, James "Buddy" Baker's life came to a tragic end when he drowned while  
assisting in flood control and clean-up efforts; and

WHEREAS, because of his profound love for his community, Buddy Baker courageously  
sacrificed his life while helping his community to recover from the devastating flood damage in  
Obion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker died as he lived: as a compassionate human being who was  
always available to assist others whenever help was needed; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Albert Baker and Patsy Ross Baker, Buddy Baker was a  
native of Obion County; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Baker was a production employee at Jimmy Dean Foods in  
Newbern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker had a profound love for hunting and dog training; and

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WHEREAS, the legacy James Baker leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by his family, friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, James Baker enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jennifer; he was the proud parent of Samantha Baker and his two stepchildren, Molly Hendon and Neal Hendon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is also survived by his mother, Patsy Ross Baker; a brother, Bill Baker, and two sisters, Deborah Tamayo and Teena Jones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of James "Buddy" Baker, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of James "Buddy" Baker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.